

SANTA ROSA COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM (EMS) TASK FORCE MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2000

Chief John Reble called meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present

Chief John Reble  
Chief Bill Markopoulos  
Bobby Busby  
Chief Burnett  
Mr. Dominic Persichini  
Mr. Bob Murphy  
Dr. Peter Manis MD

Members Absent

Chief Bob Minshull  
Dr. Wes Mathews  
Chief Tony Simmons

Staff

Dave Ling  
Sheryl Bracewell  
Bill Gilbert  
Peggy McDonald  
Steve Mewborn  
Hunter Walker

Visitors

Richard Collins  
Kay Martin  
George Gimino

Agenda was approved with additions to item number 6, which are:

- b. Baptist Hospital Satisfaction Survey
- c. Santa Rosa EMS Patient Satisfaction Questionnaire

Mr. Persichini brought to the committee's attention that CPR Training could be taught to all responders. Chief Reble said he had checked with Fred Fredricks concerning his CPR training criteria that he teaches. There was discussion on the subject.

Minutes of November 16, 2000 were approved as submitted.

There was a notice of date, time and place of meetings of BEREAVED PARENTS OF THE USA Northwest Florida Chapter, passed out to the committee. This organization is a support group for families that have had a child/children die.

Chief Reble and Mrs. Bracewell passed out reports and statistic of Analysis of Emergency Medical calls by Fire District, Total Response medical calls by EMS and Fire Departments in each fire district.

The reports and statistics were reviewed and discussed by the committee.

Chief Reble stated that he gave a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners Committee Meeting two weeks ago to update them on where the EMS Task Force is and what we are doing and where we are planning to go.

Chief Reble asked Mrs. Bracewell about the AED reports?

Mrs. Bracewell said that the AED Committee made a decision that when they receive the AED reports from him they review them and then send them to Mr. Persichini and Dr. Manis to review before distributing the AEDS.

There was discussion on the number of medical calls and two-tier response on the Statistics Report.

Chief Burnett asked that out of the two tier system fire departments is one tier and what authorization does the County Commissioners have to correct the problem to the fire departments responding to med calls.

Dr. Manis said if they were going to have a two-tier system that the County has to mandate it.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Walker if the County has the authority to create ordinance of one standard of two-tier system.

Mr. Walker stated as far as one standard of the two-tier system being mandated by the County the role of the County would be limited.

Chief Reble pointed out that all fire departments have to work with EMS and dispatch as for standards of the two-tier system.

Mrs. Bracewell responded to Mr. Murphy's question on how the fire department calls and med calls reflect on report.

There was discussion by the committee concerning the fact that members of fire departments sometimes respond but do not call in to dispatch to report their arrival. A shortage of radios for the volunteers in the fire departments was the reason for some of this.

Mr. Murphy suggested checking with the County's Grant Coordinator and see if there was a possibility to put in a grant for the purchase of radios for this purpose.

Mr. Persichini said there were grant information available to apply for fire departments to apply for grants.

Mrs. Bracewell stated she put the grant information in each of the fire departments boxes.

Chief Reble asked Dr. Manis if he would give a report on the Continued Examination of Receiving Medical Facilities.

Dr. Manis gave a report on the transportation and treatment once the patient arrives at the hospital and also the procedure of how each medical call is handled as for as the patient is concerned to which hospital the patient is transported to. He said the patient has a choice of which hospital they are transported to unless it is a trauma. Then the patient will go to the hospital they need to go to. He explained the paramedic gives the medical staff a report on the patient and once the patient is removed from the stretcher the EMS responsibility is over and the patient is then the medical staff's responsibility.

Dr. Manis said the ambulance crew will use cell phones or radios to call dispatch to let them know they are transporting a patient to the hospital. Dispatch will then call the hospital and put them on alert.

Chief Reble asked if they sometime have radio problems?

Mr. Persichini stated that sometimes they have radio problems in the North end of the County.

Dr. Manis explained the protocols of medical calls, based on the situation of the patient, tell what you may do and what you can administer.

Dr. Manis stated that when the paramedic arrives on scene and notices it is a trauma he notifies dispatch and once they determine which trauma center they should go to dispatch notifies ER at the hospital and all medical staff, surgeon and operating crew is ready by the time the patient gets to the ER door.

Dr. Manis explained the Medical Center procedures used if there was a mass casualty and there was concerns and discussion on mass casualties and weapon mass casualties by the committee.

Mr. Murphy explained the Baptist Hospital Patient Satisfaction Survey Report. He told how the patient receives a welcome letter from the hospital when the patient is admitted and then when after the patient is discharged they receive a survey in the mail at their home to fill out and send back to the hospital. The hospital has had real good results with this survey.

Chief Reble commented that the task force should look into including first responders in the survey report. He said he feels there is a need for this.

Mr. Murphy would like to go forward with this survey for the task force.

Mr. Murphy stated not at the meeting in two weeks but at the next meeting he would bring in a draft packet on survey for the task force.

Chief Reble gave the project for a Draft Survey to Mr. Mr. Murphy to take care of.

Mr. Persichini explained and gave details about the Santa Rosa EMS Questionnaire.

Chief Reble stated the committee has finished the In-depth Study of Key Components and he feels the committee has a good understanding from the study.

Chief Reble stated that at the next meeting they should start planning for surveying similar to EMS Systems.

Chief Reble said they could start on the document of the EMS Task Force that will be turned over to the County. He said they would measure each category where they started, where they are and their goal.

Chief Reble told the committee to put their thoughts and questions down that they would want on the survey.

Mr. Collins stated he was the spokesman for Chumuckla, He said as far as the two-tier system they feel is broke in Chumuckla as of today.

Mr. Collins was concerned that there were only two fire departments in Santa Rosa County to file MOU's to the State of Florida.

Mr. Collins was also concerned and made comments about first responders standards and training classes and made recommendations concerning them and feels they should be presented to the county commissioners.

Chief Reble asked Mr. Collins to submit his recommendations in writing to the EMS Task Force.

Mrs. Martin asked why the North End of the County is not represented on the committee. She said she is aware Chief Tony Simmons is on the committee to represent the North End but he should not be allowed to stay on the committee if he cannot attend the meetings.

Mrs. Martin said this was not a Countywide EMS Task Force without a representative from the North End.

Chief Reble thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2001 at 9:00AM in the Santa Rosa County Media Room.

Attachments: Notice of EMS Task Force Meetings advertised in News Papers